Missouri DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)
Child Care Subsidy Monthly Report

The following report reflects information contained in the Child Care Data System (CCDS) administered by the DESE Office of Childhood. Unless otherwise noted, data consists of un-duplicated counts of children and families participating in the subsidy program for the identified month.
Database as of August 10, 2026.

July 2026

SECTION 1: CHILD CARE HOUSEHOLD APPLICATIONS

*The status reflects the action that was taken during the month indicated.

		July	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Submitted		3,193	-1.8%	4.5%
Approved		1,919	-8.1%	5.8%
Rejected		409	0.0%	13.0%
Pending	15 Days or Less	585		
	More Than 15 Days	452		
Total Pending		1,037		

SECTION 2: NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN APPROVED FOR SUBSIDY

Total is reflective of unique households or children across all categories in each column.

		July 2026	June 2026	May 2026	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Approved Households	Income	15,583	15,517	15,377	0.4%	1.3%
	Protective Services	4,417	4,261	4,017	3.7%	10.0%
	Total Unique Households	19,997	19,776	19,392	1.1%	3.1%
Approved Children	Income	26,022	26,887	27,735	-3.2%	-6.2%
	Protective Services	7,216	7,218	7,136	0.0%	1.1%
	Total Unique Children	33,212	34,085	34,847	-2.6%	-4.7%

SECTION 3: CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PAYMENTS

"Children Served" totals are reflective of unique children across all categories in each column.

Children Served	Income	21,781	22,327	22,913	-2.4%	-4.9%
	Protective Services	5,586	5,379	5,170	3.8%	8.0%
	Total Unique Children	27,356	27,706	28,083	-1.2%	-2.6%
Payments	Income	$22,064,679	$21,102,647	$22,611,328	4.6%	-2.4%
	Protective Services	$7,438,000	$6,659,126	$6,625,510	11.7%	12.3%
	Total	$29,502,680	$27,761,773	$29,236,839	16.3%	9.8%
Average Payment Per Child		$1,080	$1,002	$1,041	7.8%	3.7%

SECTION 4: TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE SUMMARY

	Level 1 (151-185% FPL)			Level 2 (186-215% FPL)			Level 3 (216-242% FPL)		
	July 2026	June 2026	May 2026	July 2026	June 2026	May 2026	July 2026	June 2026	May 2026
Approved Households	842	771	662	289	282	245	140	129	122
Children Served	1,319	1,303	1,238	445	433	408	191	184	179
Payments	$1,238,846.37	$1,129,742.62	$1,112,584.76	$417,698.97	$379,914.70	$367,015.64	$160,404.12	$144,898.86	$153,251.95
Average Payment per Household	$1,471	$1,465	$1,681	$1,445	$1,347	$1,498	$1,146	$1,123	$1,256
Average Child Expenditure	$939	$867	$899	$939	$877	$900	$840	$787	$856

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SECTION 5: CHILDREN SERVED BY AGE

Total is reflective of unique children across all categories in each column.

	Children Served July 2026	Payments July 2026
Under Age 1	1,045	$1,928,105
AGE 1	3,033	$5,734,253
AGE 2	3,752	$4,583,209
AGE 3	4,267	$4,297,455
AGE 4	4,167	$4,099,915
AGE 5	3,177	$3,038,882
AGE 6	2,013	$1,525,174
AGE 7	1,572	$1,136,824
AGE 8	1,281	$930,566
AGE 9	1,067	$750,710
AGE 10	833	$607,413
AGE 11	605	$451,702
AGE 12	353	$263,026
AGE 13	147	$110,785
Age 14 and Over	44	$44,661
Total Unique Children	**27,356**	**$29,502,680**

SECTION 6: APPLICATIONS BY STATUS AND REGION

*The status reflects the action that was taken during the month indicated.

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	Applications Received	# Approved	# Rejected	Percent Rejected	Total Resolved	15 Days or Less	More Than 15 Days	% Over 15 Days
Cape Girardeau	173	53	24	4.6%	77	53	53	50.0%
Columbia	96	25	18	6.1%	43	36	25	41.0%
Jefferson City	122	36	17	5.0%	53	35	38	52.1%
Macon	41	9	10	6.3%	19	12	13	52.0%
Not Selected	1,560	1,465	169	3.4%	1,634	17	3	15.0%
Raytown	392	111	51	4.5%	162	143	108	43.0%
Springfield	216	68	28	4.6%	96	68	61	47.3%
St. Louis	593	152	92	5.0%	244	221	151	40.6%
Total	**3,193**	**1,919**	**409**	**39.5%**	**2,328**	**585**	**452**	**42.6%**

SECTION 7: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY REGION

Total is reflective of unique households across all categories in each column and/or row.

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Region	Education	Employment	Homeless	Incapacitated Parent	Job Search	Protective Services	Special Need	Training	Grand Total
Cape Girardeau	179	1,467	45	12	309	710	17	13	**2,400**
Columbia	91	796	49	5	204	332	20	19	**1,260**
Jefferson City	101	846	33	5	198	464	22	9	**1,446**
Macon	40	334	7	3	69	195	10	2	**582**
Not Selected	1,343	8,278	370	67	2,332	2,232	176	217	**11,372**
Raytown	488	2,715	259	24	994	882	69	122	**4,375**
Springfield	216	1,454	59	10	362	770	36	13	**2,468**
St. Louis	927	5,316	412	57	1,663	1,046	136	138	**7,562**
Total Unique Households	**2,025**	**12,804**	**850**	**117**	**3,767**	**4,427**	**310**	**314**	**19,997**

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SECTION 8: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN

Total is reflective of unique households and children across all categories in each column.

	Households			Children		
	July 2026	June 2026	May 2026	July 2026	June 2026	May 2026
Education	2,025	1,994	1,942	3,579	3,673	3,785
Employment	12,804	12,586	12,268	23,541	24,254	24,859
Homeless	850	878	894	1,148	1,221	1,273
Incapacitated Parent	117	110	108	227	232	238
Job Search	3,767	3,788	3,852	4,525	4,594	4,762
Protective Services	4,427	4,272	4,027	7,236	7,239	7,155
Special Need	310	297	288	521	535	542
Training	314	315	306	580	576	600
Total Unique Households	**19,997**	**19,776**	**19,392**	**33,212**	**34,085**	**34,847**

SECTION 9: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY RACE

Total is reflective of unique children across all categories in each column.

	July 2026	June 2026	May 2026
African American (Black)	15,515	15,901	16,313
American/Alaskan Native	267	267	274
Asian	109	103	107
Caucasian (White)	12,608	12,978	13,189
Multi-Racial	3,597	3,701	3,789
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	45	45	44
Other	456	464	481
Prefer not to answer	654	661	681
Unknown	0	0	0
Total Unique Children	**33,212**	**34,085**	**34,847**

SECTION 10: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY ETHNICITY

	July 2026	June 2026	May 2026
Hispanic	5.6%	5.6%	5.6%
Non-Hispanic	91.2%	91.2%	91.1%
Prefer not to answer	3.2%	3.2%	3.3%
Total	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**

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SECTION 11: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME

*excludes Protective Services households

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Household Size	Households Last Month	% of Total Households Last Month along Table (Down)	Avg. Average Household Monthly Income
2	5,416	34.8%	$1,133
3	5,461	35.0%	$1,480
4	3,793	24.3%	$1,684
5	1,967	12.6%	$1,915
6	793	5.1%	$2,018
7 or More	446	2.9%	$2,201
Total	**17,876**	**100.0%**	**$1,738**

SECTION 12: CHILDREN SERVED AND AVERAGE PAYMENT PER CHILD BY FACILITY

* "Children Served" total is reflective of unique children across all categories in each column.

		July 2026			June 2026			May 2026		
Provider Type	**Provider Facility Type**	Children Served	Total Payment Amount	Average Payments per ..	Children Served	Total Payment Amount	Average Payments per ..	Children Served	Total Payment Amount	Average Payments per ..
Exempt	Exempt Program	708	$491,509.19	$694	767	$448,883.59	$585	646	$365,332.17	$566
	Six or Fewer	1,176	$729,491.13	$620	1,194	$737,006.46	$617	1,236	$753,283.48	$609
License Exempt	Religious Organization/ Nursery School	1,681	$1,398,156.03	$832	1,759	$1,412,161.94	$803	1,748	$1,447,725.93	$828
Licensed	Licensed Child Care Center	22,557	$25,730,865.34	$1,141	22,754	$24,015,475.68	$1,055	23,190	$25,480,074.38	$1,099
	Licensed Family Child Care Home	852	$763,879.90	$897	887	$763,703.45	$861	901	$813,068.88	$902
	Licensed Group Child Care Home	498	$388,777.93	$781	519	$384,541.99	$741	500	$377,353.68	$755
Total*		**27,314**	**$29,502,679.52**	**$827**	**27,698**	**$27,761,773.11**	**$777**	**28,076**	**$29,236,838.52**	**$793**

SECTION 13: PAID AND CONTRACTED PROVIDERS

*Includes contracted providers and providers in the process of renewing their contract.

			July 2026	June 2026	May 2026
Contracted Providers	Exempt	Exempt Program	192	195	194
		Six or Fewer	356	362	364
	Licensed	Licensed Child Care Center	1,206	1,196	1,184
		Licensed Family Child Care Home	173	178	179
		Licensed Group Child Care Home	54	54	54
	Licensed Exempt	Religious Organization/Nursery School	100	101	101
Total			**2,081**	**2,086**	**2,076**

SECTION 14: CHILDREN RECEIVING OTHER STATE ASSISTANCE

	July 2026	June 2026	May 2026	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP)	2,443	2,422	2,572	0.9%	-5.0%
Low Income Housing	2,320	2,263	2,396	2.5%	-3.2%
Medicaid	17,048	17,400	17,722	-2.0%	-3.8%
Food Stamps (SNAP)	15,781	16,118	16,549	-2.1%	-4.6%
Temporary Assistance (TANF)	638	619	669	3.1%	-4.6%
Other Assistance	19,731	20,205	20,653	-2.3%	-4.5%

SECTION 15: CHILDREN ON WAITLIST BY AGE AND PRIORITY CATEGORY

Child Age	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4
Under Age 1	84	115	643	273
AGE 1	76	128	651	260
AGE 2	115	111	585	260
AGE 3	113	69	558	204
AGE 4	119	67	529	172
AGE 5	89	63	380	123
AGE 6	94	49	335	161
AGE 7	87	30	295	116
AGE 8	84	29	279	90
AGE 9	64	17	230	71
AGE 10	73	26	185	73
AGE 11	56	19	170	70
AGE 12	41	7	130	62
AGE 13	22	2	36	14
Age 14 and Over	21	1	7	6
Total	**1,138**	**733**	**5,013**	**1,955**

SECTION 16: CHILDREN ON WAITLIST BY REGION AND PRIORITY CATEGORY

Region	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4
Cape Girardeau	124	31	527	224
Columbia	84	19	306	121
Jefferson City	63	21	311	169
Macon	36	9	183	52
Not Selected	7	5	12	26
Raytown	275	192	1,200	426
Springfield	99	60	652	282
St. Louis	450	396	1,822	655
Total	**1,138**	**733**	**5,013**	**1,955**

SECTION 17: APPLICATIONS ON WAITLIST

Waitlist Priority Category	Applications on Waitlist
Category 1	487
Category 2	456
Category 3	2,705
Category 4	1,138
Total	**4,786**

Waitlist Priority Category Explanation:
Category 1: Children with special needs, as defined in 5 CSR 25-200.050, that meet one or more of the following criteria: A child receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), a child receiving services through the Missouri Department of Mental Health, or a child with a physical or mental disability or delay, verified in writing by a medical professional or mental health professional
Category 2: Children who are experiencing homelessness
Category 3: Families with income below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level
Category 4: Families with income above 100% of the Federal Poverty Level that may be eligible

Further information can be found at: https://dese.mo.gov/childhood/child-care-subsidy-waitlist